GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PRODUCTION OF GRAPES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production and consumption of grapes in the country during the last three years and as on March 31, 2003;

(b) whether import of grapes has been showing an upward trend in recent years;

(c) if so, the details threof;

(d) whether the Government are aware of excess production of grapes in some parts of the country including Maharashtra;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to review the issue of import of grapes and offer remunerative price to the grape growers in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The available information on production and export of grapes in India for the last three years is as follows:-.

(in 000` MT)

	Production	Export
1998-99	1082.7	11.53
1999-2000	1137.8	14.03
2000-01	1056.9	20.65

No estimates are available about the actual consumption of grapes in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir. The import of grapes has been showing an upward trend in recent years.

(c) The import of grapes for the last four years is as given below:

Year	Qty. (MTs)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-01	32.43	11.86
2001-02	244.38	132.72
2002-03	371.95	162.14

(d) There has been no report of excess production of grapes in any part of the country though there is a marginal increase in production in Maharashtra where the production increased to 9.89 lakh MT in 2002- 03 from 9.37 lakh MT during 2001-02.

(e) & (f) Grapes is in the list of 300 sensitive items, which are constantly monitored by the Government to take corrective steps as and when required.